

ABSTRACT

Virus control is provided for a plurality of clients of an e-mail server associated with a network by centrally monitoring for a pre-defined activity at any of the plurality of clients. On discovery of the pre-defined activity at a given one of the plurality of clients, e-mail traffic from the given client is blocked. The pre-defined activity may be monitoring for e-mail from clients which is addressed to any of a plurality of pre-defined addresses. These pre-defined addresses may be salted through the address book of a client such that they are likely to be utilised by a computer virus which tries to send e-mail.